

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Claire A. CaJACOB *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/233,218

Filed: January 20, 1999

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Tetrapyrrole Pathway



Confirmation No.: 7809

Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Young J. Kim

Atty. Docket: 16517.231

**Request for Entry of Amendment and  
Withdrawal of Improper Holding of Abandonment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On January 6, 2006, Applicants filed an Amendment in the above-identified application that updated the "Cross-Reference to Related Application" section of the specification. On January 17, 2006, Applicants filed a conditional Express Abandonment specifically stating that the Express Abandonment was desired to occur "upon entry of the Amendment filed January 6, 2006." Copies of both of these documents are enclosed.

As can be seen from the Express Abandonment, Applicants' clearly requested abandonment of the above-identified application only upon entry of the January 6, 2006 Amendment. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment filed January 6, 2006, be entered and that notification of entry of the Amendment be forwarded to the undersigned. In addition, applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 10, 2006, be withdrawn. Upon receipt of the notification of entry of the January 6, 2006 Amendment, Applicants will resubmit the conditional Express Abandonment filed January 17, 2006.

Should the Commissioner require additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below. The undersigned is an attorney of record and therefore has authority to expressly abandon the above-captioned U.S. application.

Respectfully submitted,

*David R. Marsh*  
by *John E. A.*

Filed: March 6, 2006

Correspondence Address:  
MONSANTO COMPANY  
800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  
Mailzone E2NA  
St. Louis MO 63167  
(314) 694-3602 telephone  
(314) 694-1671 facsimile

David R. Marsh, Reg. No. 41,408  
(by Thomas E. Holsten, Reg. No. 46,098)  
Arnold & Porter LLP  
555 Twelfth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004  
Tel: 202-942-5000  
Fax: 202-942-5999

ARNOLD & PORTER LLP



January 17, 2006

David R. Marsh, Ph.D.  
David\_Marsh@aporter.com

202.942.5068  
202.942.5999 Fax

555 Twelfth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20004-1206

VIA FACSIMILE

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Appeal No. 2004-1725  
Confirmation No. 7809

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/233,218 filed January 20, 1999  
Inventors: Claire A. CaJACOB *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated  
with the Tetrapyrrole Pathway  
Atty. Dkt.: 16517.231 (38-21(15090)B/US)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is an Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a).

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docketing number 16517.231.

Sincerely,

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

Attachment

I hereby certify that this transmittal and the attached Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a) are being facsimile transmitted to the BPAI (attention Dianne Maggard) via facsimile number 571-273-0299.

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

January 17, 2006  
Date

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Claire A. CaJACOB *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/233,218

Filed: January 20, 1999

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Tetrapyrrole Pathway



Confirmation No.: 7809

Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Young J. Kim

Atty. Docket: 16517.231

**Express Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a)**

Mail Stop Express Abandonment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that U.S. Application Serial No. 09/233,218 be expressly abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a) upon entry of the Amendment filed January 6, 2006.

Applicants note that a continuation application based on the above-identified application was filed on January 11, 2006.

Should the Commissioner require additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below. The undersigned is an attorney of record and therefore has authority to expressly abandon the above-captioned U.S. application.

Respectfully submitted,

*David R. Marsh*

David R. Marsh, Reg. No. 41,408  
Arnold & Porter LLP  
555 Twelfth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004  
Tel: 202-942-5000  
Fax: 202-942-5999

Filed: January 17, 2006

Correspondence Address:  
MONSANTO COMPANY  
800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  
Mailzone E2NA  
St. Louis MO 63167  
(314) 694-3602 telephone  
(314) 694-1671 facsimile

I hereby certify that this transmittal and the attached Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a) are being facsimile transmitted to the BPAI (attention Dianne Maggard) via facsimile number 571-273-0299.

*David R. Marsh*  
David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

January 17, 2006  
Date